

Tobacco

11- 00: Resolution to Support a Tobacco Tax Increase in the State of Idaho
Updated from Res. 07-01 and 10-02

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A TOBACCO TAX INCREASE IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States and in Idaho. Annually 1,~~85~~00 Idahoans die from smoking-attributable deaths (1), (2); and

WHEREAS, ~~1,200~~800 Idaho youth will become new smokers each year and ~~2430~~,000 Idaho youth that are alive today will die from smoking (3,4); and

WHEREAS, Idaho's cigarette tax ranks ~~42nd~~~~45nd~~ in the nation (57 cents/pack), is lower than all of the surrounding states, and is substantially lower than the average cigarette tax per pack in non-tobacco producing states at \$1.57 per pack (5); and

WHEREAS, Idaho spends ~~349~~508 million in smoking-attributable medical costs and ~~333~~433 million in smoking-attributable lost productivity costs annually (~~23~~); and

WHEREAS, numerous economic studies in peer-reviewed journals have documented that cigarette tax or price increases reduce both adult and youth smoking (6), and

WHEREAS, every state that has significantly raised its cigarette tax has enjoyed substantial increases to state revenues despite the fact that cigarette tax increases reduce state smoking levels (7), and

WHEREAS, state funding levels for comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs are sorely inadequate to support effective and sustained tobacco control efforts (~~28~~):

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Association of Boards of Health supports ~~an initiative to increase~~ing the tobacco tax ~~by at least \$1.25 per pack and equivalent for other tobacco products to enhance comprehensive tobacco prevention;~~ and control efforts to reduce youth and adult tobacco use rates, ~~and decrease the tax burden derived from tobacco-attributable expenditures by offsetting tobacco-related medical care.~~

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